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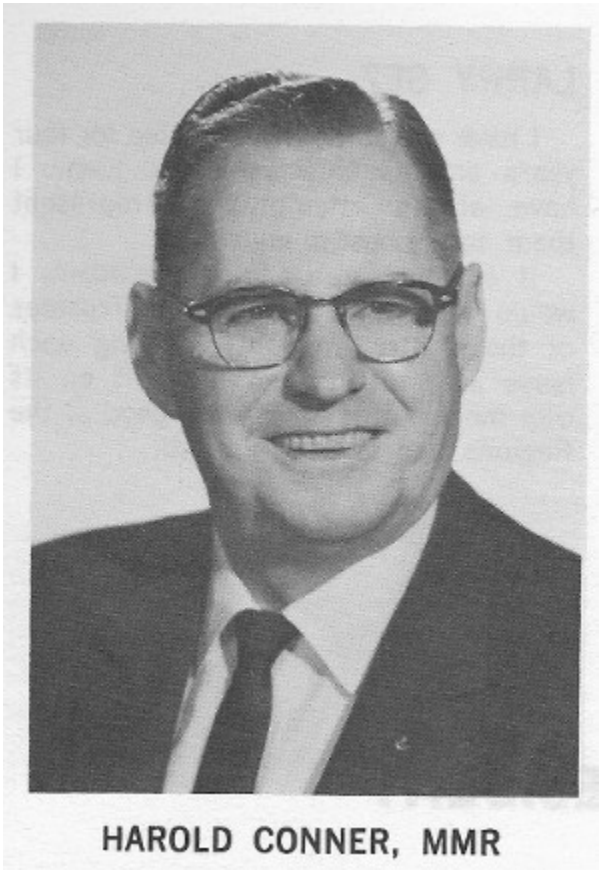

HAROLD CONNER, MMR

Harold D. Conner, MMR, of 1604 Blue Bonnet Dr., Fort Worth, Texas 76111 is 61 years of age, a member of the Lone Star Region which he joined in 1955 at the same time he joined NMRA. Attending 14 Regional Conventions, 3 National Conventions, Harold is one of the few Master Model Railroaders holding all ten certificates. He has served his Region as Board Member, Vice President, and President. On the NMRA level he has served on a special study committee, 1967-68 and acts as Member Aid Chairman for the LSR.

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HAROLD D. CONNER, MMR, Southern Vice President; former Division Supt., Cowcatcher Division; former Vice Pres., LSR; former President, LSR; former Board Advisor, LSR; former chairman member Aid Committee of LSR; Chairman of the Member Aid Committee—Southern Area (SSR*-SER-LSR), former member of NMRA Special Study Committee 1967-68.

Harold Conner, like many of our top-flite modelers and officials, was born with a liking for trains through direct association. His father retired from the Missouri Pacific at the ripe old age of 72. He has also worked in the loco shops of the Wabash in his earlier years, but unlike "Dad", has since served 43 years and retired from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Another similarity pops up in his introduction to model railroading. Harold, like many others, was introduced to model railroading while using their children as an excuse, and he started with Lionel "O" gauge in the '40s. By the early '50s, more room was needed and like many others he drifted to HO gauge.

Modeling and residing in the Texas locale, where the absence of basements makes garage use most frequent, he recalls being driven into a specially constructed railroad building from the portion of garage he was using by a MUD-DOBBER (wasp that builds nest of mud) building a nest on the smoke box and pilot of his favorite loco.

His introduction to NMRA and LSR came in 1954 and he joined both in 1955 and is NMRA Life Member #65. He is married to Mable Louise Conner (also a member of both NMRA and LSR) and has two grown, married daughters. Harold also holds memberships in the Telephone Pioneers, American Vecturist Association, Token and Medal Society, and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors—besides having reached the 64 year mark, which is quite an accomplishment.

He also collects decks of Railroad playing cards, switch locks, and old tall globe Railroad lanterns.

As an interesting conclusion, Harold relates having become MMR #17 in SELF-DEFENSE after a friend kept telling others that he was working on the Achievement Program.